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1. On 7 June 1950, at 10:00 AM, the following Russian officers: General Petrakovsky, General Makarov, about twelve staff officers of the rank of major and above, and one senior lieutenant, were introduced to all HVA chiefs at the Berlin-Adlershof HVA Headquarters, in the office of Inspector-General Heinz Hoffmann. Chief Inspector Heinrich Heitsch introduced the German officers by name and position to General Petrakovsky, with Hoffmann interpreting.
2. Heitsch also outlined the purpose of the meeting to the assembled Russian and German officers, namely, that the Russian officers would be attached to the various Hauptabteilungen and Abteilungen in order to familiarize themselves with HVA operations and to assist their German counterparts with "advice and deeds". The Russian officers were not to be considered as instruments of control.
3. The following Russian officer assignments were made: General Makarov was attached to Heitsch. Five other officers were attached to Hauptabteilung Stab with, as yet, no further break-down of assignments to the Abteilung level, although it is presumed Abteilung Ausbildung will get most of them. A colonel who had been introduced as a "Political Officer" was assigned to Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur, as were two or three other officers. Within the Hauptabteilung Intendantur, one officer was assigned to the Finance Section, and another to Motor Transport.
4. When General Makarov addressed the Soviet officers in Russian—with no subsequent translation—he stated that Chief of Staff Heitsch was in full command in all operational matters and authorized to sign directives, without prior approval by the Chief of the HVA.\*
5. Petrakovsky told the German officers that they should avail themselves of the presence of Russian officers to get on-the-spot decisions in all controversial matters.\*\*

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Comment: It is not quite clear whether Makarov described the existing situation or whether he intended to propose a desirable reform to bring the HVA in line with the Soviet system. It was, at any rate, a clear indication that Makarov considers the Hauptabteilung Stab as the control center of the HVA.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment:

- a. It is premature to assess all the implications of this move, and it is uncertain whether the move is temporary or permanent.
- b. In any event, Russian control over the HVA so far exerted by Sovietniks on "Objekt" level has now moved up to staff echelon.
- c. While Petrakovskiy's and Makarov's statements were contradictory as regards the extent of Russian interference in routine HVA activities, there is no doubt that the jurisdiction of the Russian officers assigned to the HVA differs materially from that of the Sovietniks who, at least on paper, were referred to as "helpers" with no command authority.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment:

- a. German officers present were fully aware that their powers were further curtailed and that complete Russian knowledge of all HVA activities was assured.
- b. Speculation is rife as to whether the move was brought about by the recent Allied protest and the Schumacher address, which may have persuaded the Russians that the HVA was penetrated from top to bottom.

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